



Good old St. Patrick's day. Of course most everyone forgot till just now that it is St. Patrick's day, but what could we do about it anyway? We used to wear green neckties—can't quite get the connection between a fellow driving snakes out of Ireland, and green neckties—but the army has nicely eliminated this old tradition for us for the duration anyway.

Girls can wear green sweaters, in commemoration, or just sweaters, but we just have to say "Happy St. Patrick's Day" and be done with it. Paddy was a great guy—his heyday was back in the fifth century. He did for Ireland what the Pied Piper did for Hamelin—only it was snakes in his case instead of rats. Pat was a good man, so they made him the Patron Saint of Ireland, and now we celebrate something or other to do with the great event every March 17.

For the past ten years or so another fellow has been having a heyday—but he's no saint. His mother called him Adolf. He was born with a little moustache and an inferiority complex. Seeing as he was an Austrian, he decided that everybody except the Germans were all wrong—then proceeded to make himself a German (by inviting Austria to join him in a little game he was playing—even though they liked their own company better)—and beat Superman to the draw by about ten years.

Well, 'cause of him, here I am in Nebraska. Of course St. Pat had never heard of Nebraska, but what he didn't know won't hurt him. The Indians had heard of Nebraska—they lived here. But they'd never heard of Hitler. But then, if they'd known that Hitler was coming, they'd probably have fought a little harder to keep the pale faces out. They'd rather scalp their neighbors than paddle across an ocean or two to fight for some ideas; instead of a squaw, or maybe some good hunting ground. So anyway, (how did the Indians get in here?) this little self-centered gink with a schnurr-bart (moustache to you) figured that his ideas were better than anyone else who ever lived—including a fellow named Jesus, who said that to love people, and to be kind to them, and to try to understand your enemies, and to love God, were a lot more important than a few oil wells, or a scrap of paper.

Now most of the other guys who were knocking around on this revolving, rotating sphere, thought that this gent who said, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" had the right idea. Of course more than half of the time they forgot all about him—and did their best to see how much money they could skin their neighbor out of while he wasn't looking. When it came to a showdown, though, they decided that freedom to live, breathe, and talk; justice, and equality, were more than just words.

So this funny-looking little squirt—sort of a German version of Charlie Chaplin—comes up with some crackpot idea that he is the master of the master race. There are about 65 million Germans—about half of these, according to Nazi figures, are of Nordic descent—so, by rapid calculations, thirty-two and one-half million "Aryans" are going to rule over several billion weak, misguided, worthless individuals (that's us). Now we don't go for this line of chatter, and we tell him about it. Then we let him slap us in the face—then we turn the other cheek, then the other cheek, then the other cheek—and finally say, "you'd better cut that out or else you'll be sorry." So he hits us again. And we were looking too. Luckily there are a few Irishmen, like St. Pat, in the crowd, so we went to war.

Murphy Calls ASTP Study Job Factor

The specialized training received by trainees at Nebraska will play a big part in their re-assignment when they return to troops, according to information received by Colonel Murphy recently. The commandant of the local AST unit said that men separated from the program due to the recent curtailment in ASTP would have jobs which would utilize their special skills.

Colonel Murphy said: "Specific army instructions have been issued to all concerned with the assignment of AST personnel, that the special capacities and skills of these men are not to be discarded by assignments having nothing to do with their special training.

Must Utilize A&Ls.

"For example," the colonel continued, "instructions call for special attention to see that language students are assigned to positions where their language can be fully utilized. Another instruction provides that 'where appropriate assignments cannot be made, the name, serial number, special ability and station of the enlisted man will be reported to the adjutant general.'

"Recent war department instructions have been issued providing for the recommendation of qualified AST students for additional technical training, service as technicians, use as essential non-commissioned officers and, in many instances, for appearance before officer candidate boards. The directive to military commanders who will receive AST trainees states 'Their (the trainees') potential value to the service as technicians, non-commissioned officers and, in many cases, officers, must be exploited.'

Draft Boards Failed.

"The reduction in the AST program," Colonel Murphy pointed out, "was not occasioned by a lack of appreciation of the work the college program was doing, but by overall factors such as the failure of draft boards to meet army quotas for new men and impending developments in the war. The valuable special training the AST men have received at considerable government expense will not be wasted, but will be put to use where it will benefit the army most.

In the case of the AST men at the University of Nebraska who will shortly be separated from the program, recommendations for assignment will, of course, be based on the trainee's academic record

Goodbye, ASTP

(To the tune of the "Notre Dame Song.")
Goodbye dear old ASTP,
You have meant a great deal to me.
We've worked and slaved to keep you going.
Our office came we've kept a-rowing.
You A.L.'s and Dents we've carried you thru.
Engineers, we've all praised you, too.
You've done O.K., but now it's time
To join in with Uncle Sam.
—From Reg. Headquarters.

and efficiency rating. Those trainees who are recommended to appear before an OGS board will do so after assignment to their next unit or station.

Present Trials Important.

"In making such recommendations, account will be taken of how the student has carried on in this last period of his participation in the program, because the ability to carry on one's job under trying

Positions on Rifle Team Open for National Meet

As a result of the departure of several members of the rifle team, positions are still open to soldiers and civilians. Competition in the National intercollegiate, for which Nebraska qualified last month by placing fourth in the Seventh service command matches, begins tomorrow. All men interested are asked to report at the rifle range at 5:15 this afternoon to Lieutenant Yoxheimer.

conditions is one important test of a trainee's usefulness to the army in a responsible position."

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be held in the evening, and 11 participants will take part, each one speaking on a different phase of the subject. Miss McKinsey's topic will be "Inter-American Trade and Commerce as a Basis for Permanent Co-operation."

Select Six for Finals.

Six students will be selected from the semifinalists for the national finals at Washington, D. C., which will be aired over a nationwide radio network. These six finalists will each receive a \$500 award for study and travel in Mexico during the summer of 1944.

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